

Comment on the CA waterfix/delta tunnels from Graham Connor, North Delta Farmer.

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Our family has enjoyed one hundred and sixty four years of SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, farming the deep, rich, well drained, salt free soil of the SACRAMENTO DELTA which is blessed with very high quality water flowing by.

The tunnels are projected to divert the bulk of the water from the Sacramento Delta sending it to irrigate salty, poorly drained soil. It takes a lot of high quality water just to push the toxic salts down out of the root zone. The Kesterson drain problem has never been solved so contaminated drain water is still going into the San Joaquin delta and continues on contaminating the San Francisco Bay estuary. The tunnels project has not been accepted by the EPA as protecting the endangered Delta ecosystem. The California aqueduct is in need of major repairs because of the over drafting of low quality water from it's under lying aquifer. And with global warming, California needs more reservoirs to store more cold water to protect our Salmon, to supply our ever growing population and to protect our cities and town from catastrophic Flooding. The hard earned money of the people of the State of California and the people of our entire Nation needs to be spent to benefit the vast majority of its population not just a few large Unstainable farms at the expense of an entire ecosystem!

Graham Connor fifth generation farmer